

Removal of Communist Party From State Ballot Discussed

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In 1953 I was the author of Assembly Bill No. 52 which removed the Communist Party from the Ballot in California. It was passed by both houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor, after which it was part of the Statutes of 1953, Chapter 1217, and also was designated as Sections 2540, 2540.4, and 2540.9, Elections Code. The most interesting portion is Section 2540.4 of the Elections Code, which reads:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, no party shall be recognized or qualified to participate in any primary election which either directly or indirectly carries on, advocates, teaches, justifies, aids, or abets the overthrow by any unlawful means of, or directly or indirectly carries on, advocates, teaches, justifies, aids, or abets a program of sabotage, force and violence, sedition or treason against, the Government of the United States or of this State."

FOR ABOUT sixteen years or more before by 1953 law was enacted, the communists were able to operate as a political party legally in California because court decisions many years ago held that it was not constitutional to outlaw a political party by name. After a great amount of research, and with the help of many patriotic people, I conceived the idea of outlawing the Communist Party in California by description. However, it is worth knowing that my 1953 law also outlaws any other political party which fits the description. For example, if someone tried to form a Fascist or Nazi party which tried by unlawful means to overthrow the Government of the United States or the State of California, such party would come under the ban.

I am proud of being the author of this law, but I admit that it had one unfortunate effect. The communists after the passage of my 1953 law merely registered as members of one or more of the other political parties and "went underground" in California. However, I believe that this disadvantage is more than overcome by the other obviously desirable features of the law.

EVEN WHEN communists could legally have their own political party in California, they did not register all their people as communists, but registered barely enough to comply with the provisions of the election code which require a political party to have a certain number of registered voters, based upon the total registration of people of all parties. Therefore, it is obvious that that many communists were working "underground" even before my law came into effect. Communists are like an iceberg floating in the ocean. Only a small fraction of the size and weight of the iceberg can be seen above the surface of the ocean. Most of the mass of the iceberg is out of sight. This is the insidious thing about communism. Communists and their fellow-travellers are something like termites. You may not know you have termites in your house until the floors drop under you.

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1646, which became enacted into law as Chapter 616, Statutes of 1951, and was later cited as

Section 205, Revenue and Taxation Code, specifies what persons are entitled to the California veterans' exemption. My amendment to this act is as follows:

"The following are campaigns under Section 1 1/4 of Article XIII of the Constitution of California:

- (a) First Nicaraguan campaign.
- (b) Second Nicaraguan campaign.
- (c) Yangtze River campaigns in China.
- (d) All other campaigns for service in which a medal has been issued by the Congress of the United States."

PERSONALLY speaking, I do not claim the veterans' exemption for taxation purposes or anything else, but there are thousands of men and women in California whose rights must be protected. My amendment, cited above, had the full support of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States, of which I am a member.

Contract Given Ryan for Lunar Ship Altimeter

A contract to provide an altimeter for a lunar capsule has been awarded to Ryan Electronics, a division of Ryan Aeronautical Company of San Diego.

The award is one of two subcontracts announced today by Aeronutronic Division of Ford Motor Company, Newport Beach, Calif., on its lunar capsule development program being carried out for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

In addition to the Ryan Electronics lunar capsule altimeter contract, Gerald J. Lynch, Aeronutronic general manager and vice president of Ford's Defense Products Group, announced award of a subcontract to Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, for a retrorocket.

Rummage Sale Slated

Girl Scout Troop 2080 will hold a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 26, at 1520 Cravens Ave. The hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the troop's tour of the United States.



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As cases continue to come to light in the matter of outdated beneficiaries to GI insurance benefits, Veterans Service Officer Mrs. Sara R. Bridges reported today.

Despite repeated reminders and suggestions from her office, and from both Federal and State veterans agencies, too many veterans "just never get around" to listing the proper beneficiaries to their GI policies.

THE REGRETTABLE result, all too often, is that the veteran's wife and family cannot

collect the proceeds of his GI insurance in the event of his death. Why not? Simply because some years before, he designated beneficiaries who at that time were those he wanted to get his insurance money. But that was before he married, or before he was divorced, or before he had children.

For example: A veteran may have divorced and subsequently remarried. But his ex-wife still is listed on his policy as the principal beneficiary. Unless the veteran had instructed the Veterans Administration Insurance Center in Denver,

Colorado, to change the beneficiary to the name of his present wife, she can collect nothing from his insurance. The former wife receives it, as the beneficiary of record.

OR POSSIBLY the veteran was unmarried when he last designated his beneficiaries. He listed a parent or a relative or friend as the principal beneficiary. Then he married, but neglected to ask VA to make his wife the beneficiary. Again, when he dies, his wife collects nothing.

The law requires the VA to

pay GI insurance proceeds to the beneficiary of record, whether or not that beneficiary still is in any way connected with the veteran at the time of his death. Changes by will or testament are not valid under the law.

A VERY simple step on the part of the veteran can avert these tragic situations, the service officer said. He need only write to the VA Insurance Center in Denver and submit a new list of beneficiaries over his signature.

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